



The 108th Welcomes Parents

The BAYONET welcomes parents to Augusta's 1972-73 Annual Parents Day. The old cadet parents will be surprised at the changes this year, such as the absence of the Roller Rifle exhibitions. The usual drill demonstration will be eliminated this year, due to the allowance of early permits.

Classroom visitations, where the parents see their sons progress, (or lack of it), will take place as usual this year, and those parents who stay for the noon meal will be treated to the revival of the custom of a buffet luncheon for parents and their sons, with the remaining corps also in attendance. The Dining hall staff and Major Evans are to thank for this special addition to the weekend program.

The Library will again hold its annual Book Fair this year, and in addition to the new and classical books on display, simple science experiments, and educational games, dealing with history, geography, mathematics, and spelling will be featured. The exhibit will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., October 26 through 29.

The BAYONET will have display tables in Hoover Hall and around grounds to show how the paper is put together from the written article to the finished product. These tables will also be taking subscriptions and donations for the paper which is on a limited-budget this year.

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Novice Riflemen Shoot Straight

By Paul Cartwright

The rifle team started off a new season with a smashing victory over Massanutten Military Academy here at AMA, October

High shooters of the match were Bill Menges and Melvin Campbell. Bill Menges, team captain, said, "For the first match we did fairly well, but then Massanutten wasn't really much competition. I think there will be a vast improvement."

Of the six men on the team, only two, Alexander Buck, (manager of the team), and Bill Menges, are veteran shooters returning for a second season.

Bill Menges was quoted as saying, "In spite of the fact

that we are starting off new, the team is shaping up pretty well." When asked about Sergeant Barger, team coach, he said, "For a coach he's really o.k. I mean he really knows what he's doing."

When asked to make a comment on the team, Alexander Buck stated that in his opinion "the team is really trying hard, and we may not win all of our matches, but we sure are going to try."

The rifle team's next match will be against Staunton Military Academy, here at Augusta. When asked about the upcoming match, Menges would only say, "It's going to be a real hard match."

Two Goals Scored

Soccer Team Wins

Much to everyone's surprise, Col. Paul V. Hoover's soccer team started off its season with an exciting 2-0 win over Albemarle.

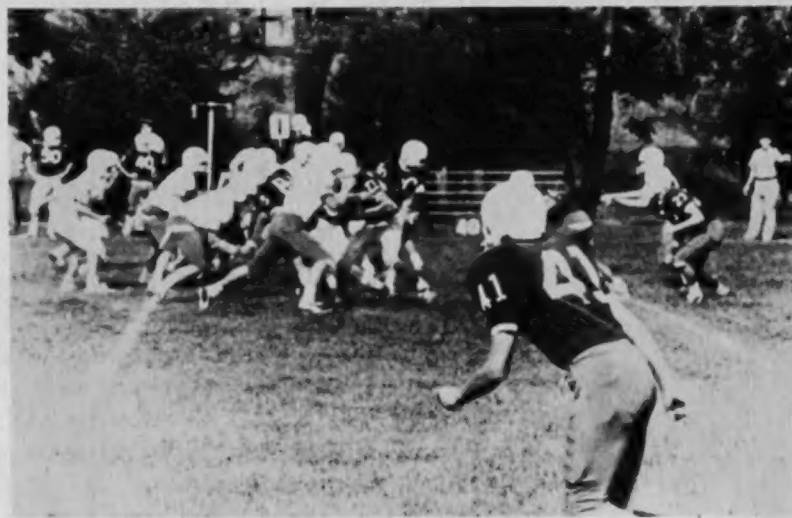
Before the game Col. Hoover was asked what the team's chances of winning were. He said, "Well it is up to the half-backs. If they run and do their jobs, we have a good chance."

In the first period of the game the two teams looked equal in strength, but late in the 2nd period Herb Maher broke last year's record of no goals scored, with a pass from Rick Uhl. The ball bounced off the goal post

and back out into the center of the goalie's box.

The second goal was scored in the 3rd period by Carl Kellogg when he headed in a corner kick from Herb Maher. The Blue Streaks maintained a good defense for the rest of the game and kept Albemarle scoreless.

After the game, team captain Carl Kellogg said, "The team's success cannot be accredited to any one man, but instead it was a team effort."



The Game Is.... Football

By L. P. Malnati

On Saturday, September 16, a handful of cadets slowly made their way to the football locker room. Many questions were registered on their faces, but perhaps the main one was, "what am I doing here and why am I here a week ahead of everybody else?" Their answers were all the same. The name of the game is FOOTBALL!

After the players were introduced to one another, they met the coaches, with whom they had come to work. But to many of the old players, two familiar faces were missing; those of Coach Hyaat and Coach Holtsclaw. This news sparked mixed emotions, but mainly that of dismay.

Next on the schedule was practice, two tiresome practices a day, but that's what it means to be a football player. With the first game four weeks ahead the team accepted the harsh practices as a necessity. With classes starting, the two prac-

tices a day were converted into one, twice as hard.

An inter-squad scrimmage, ability divided evenly, served a triple purpose. First, it increased the spirit of both corps and football team. Secondly, it gave the team the much needed experience for actual competition. Finally, it took the place of the actual scrimmage scheduled late that week, which eventually was rescheduled as a game instead of a scrimmage.

The result of the Blue vs. White game (Major Wright heading the White team, and Captain Trimble heading the Blue team) was a victory for Captain Trimble's Blues.

In the last week leading up to the game spirit soared. The game was against Woodberry, and the first of the season. Posters were displayed throughout barracks and the air filled with optimism about the opener.

On the night previous to the game, a large bon-fire was lit on the back field, in which the

entire corps attended and rooted the team. As the players descended the hill in back of the bon-fire, it was revealed the great spirit that the corps had.

After a rousing speech by the cadet commander, Herb Maher, fire extinguishers were fired into the open crowd, creating more bedlam, and increasing the already soaring spirit.

The rally ended with the dousing of both the corps and the fire by a near-by fire hydrant manned by the color guard members.

The day of the game finally arrived. Friday the thirteenth! Would this play as bad luck factor for or against the Streaks?

The kickoff was accompanied by the usual drumbeat, and the

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season had started. Neither team was able to mount a drive in the first downs, but Woodberry drew first blood. With the score 8-0 in favor of Woodberry it was clear the Blue Streaks weren't playing up to par.

In the third quarter, however, the drive was mounted. Calabrese, Sharpless, and Cook, headed by quarterback Tom Piefer, made up Augusta's offensive backfield. Bolting into the end-zone, full-back Steve Calabrese, scored a touchdown for AMA followed by the tying conversion with a pass to Mal Livick.

With the score tied, 8-8, the clock ran out. Leaving the field with a clean loss column, Friday the 13th has gone down as a day with more good luck for Augusta than bad.

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Civvies - will it work?

For the first time in AMA history, cadets are being allowed to wear "civvies" in their free time! However, only the cadet officers are permitted to "mix" the uniforms, while the rest of the corps can wear **almost** anything they wish to during their free time. The only basic regulation is that there can be no "button-up" or "collar" shirts, as Colonel Maher said, "Though as far as I know, no one has been abusing the privilege."

Colonel Savedge had the idea last year, and since that time

he and Col. Maher have been pushing for it. Colonel Hogg told the two of the privilege the week it was announced to the whole corps.

Contrary to an opinion that with such an opportunity practically the whole corps would go AWOL, there has been **less** of an AWOL problem this year.

Col. Maher said, "This is the best cadet corps I've ever seen, and I couldn't ask for more. If they work, the corps can earn many other privileges."

Religion

Church . . . Why?

Religion has always been a touchy subject from the times when the Egyptians persecuted the Jews until today when the structured church condemns the "Jesus Freaks."

Religion at Augusta is not only controversial, but is traditional. All cadets **will** attend church on Sunday.

The question that the BAYONET asks is; why must this policy be continued? It would seem that agnostics and atheists are unwelcome at AMA.

For a cadet to go to a church for an hour and be subjected to ideas and rites which have no meaning for him is irrational. It only degrades the church to which he goes and the school by his uninterested conduct.

The BAYONET does not recommend total withdrawal from the present religious program however. Rather, it espouses the following solution:

that new cadets will be required on certain Sundays, preferably during the first semester, to attend lectures from pastors in the area, expressing different religious views, and perhaps a C.Q. to rooms for the remainder of year;

that for a cadet to take part in this program, he must have written permission from his parents or guardian;

and that cadets in lower-school abstaining from regular church will receive religious and moral instruction year round.

The BAYONET feels that this would be a satisfactory solution to the problem for all. Though it would be the ending of a tradition, if a tradition is prejudiced toward a segment of the corps, then it should be abolished.

AWOLS Are Every- Body's Responsibility

By Rick Schulherr

There is one type of cadet at AMA who is different from the corps in general. That is the "AWOL."

The person who makes it harder on every one else who lives at AMA. The cadet, who, by his action, deprives others of privileges earned by the cadet corps.

However, the fault cannot always be laid upon the "AWOL" cadet. The officers and NCO's in his company are also at fault, as is his room-mate. The people around the troubled cadet should talk to him. It is the duty of rank to assume responsibility for individuals subject to that rank.

However, one cannot blame the "AWOL's" room-mate or superiors in every case, as when the cadet does not show his troubles. A large part of the responsibility for the "AWOLs" must be shouldered by the parents who attempt to force their sons to cope with an "abhorrent" life-style. If the cadet cannot find an authorized method to leave Augusta, in a fever of desperation and under favorable circumstances, he will go "AWOL," leaving a blot on his record that will haunt him forever.

So think of what you are doing when you're planning to go "AWOL." A ten minute talk could change your life.

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By Rick Schulherr

At Augusta this year is perhaps the most spirited corps since 1954. This morale is largely the result of the efforts of Cadet Colonel Herb Maher and his staff to "build up the school."

The spirit has apparently spread like the plague. Each

company is attempting to surpass the efforts of the others.

This feeling, which to some cadets may seem foolish, is apparently improving life at Augusta. Cooperation is also a major factor at Augusta this year. It has allowed the wearing of civilian clothes and will bring more privileges as the year wears on.

"Spirit Banners," sheets with various feeling printed on them from, "D Company is best," to

FEEDBACK

Everybody will
be Happy

Dear Editor,

In the many years that I've been at AMA, I've seen it destroy many things that I firmly believe in. Finally there comes a time when a person must protest. Every home football game, the corps is lined up, marched out to the field and then made to sit on the bleachers during the game; while officers **force** you to cheer good ole camp Augusta on to victory. Now I like football as well as anyone, however, when you are forced to attend, it detracts something from the game. Did it ever occur to anyone that the corps might want to see the game from the sidelines once in a while? Besides, does the football team really want to hear "canned" cheers, or would they rather hear spontaneous and "natural" cheering?

FED-UP,

PAUL CARTWRIGHT

"Beat Woodberry," are continually appearing.

To demonstrate the enthusiasm recently displayed; Band Co. woke up the corps at 5:00 a.m. with music, C Co. moved the school cannons pointing towards the staff position in ranks, and C Co. used the trash cans in barracks to form a "C" figure on the black top. B Co. then changed the "C" figure into a "B," and hung a sign between the cannons. To end it all A Co. changed the "B" figure to an "A"!

Later in the week, Band Co. moved the schools army truck, in the early morning, to block the front arch at reveille formation, and added a "Beat Woodberry" spirit banner on the truck.

So it seems, this '72-'73 cadet corps will not only be one of the best in quite a while, but also a refreshing change.

Many old cadets will always remember the spirit and enthusiasm that Ronnie Shove gave to us.

The BAYONET staff wishes to extend its upmost concern for Ronnie's welfare and that of his Family. There will always be a place in our hearts for him.

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Corps Elite Recognized

By Alvaro Zayas

Thanks to Colonel Herb Maher, AMA has another new award this year, called the 'Silver Citation.' This award is only given to an elite few who 'earn' it.

It is given to the cadet who does the most doltish thing during the week. The fortunate cadet who wins the award, must have it within reach at all times, except when participating in a sport, or at a formation. Any cadet may win the 'honor' regardless of rank. (In fact a captain has already won it!)

Col. Maher got the idea from the Boy Scout camp, Fort Shenandoah, this summer when he was teaching leadership classes. He won their award, the "Golden Spike," for turning his canoe over (on purpose) in a sewer polluted stream. During Study Hall, one evening, he was in his room trying to come up with a new gimmick to build up the cadets' morale. Originally it was to be called the 'Golden Broom,' but then he found that he didn't have any gold paint. Col. Savedge came to his rescue with some silver paint.

spirit of the corps." People turn in any incident that they happen to see, and at the end of the week Col. Maher makes the decision. Of course he checks up on the stories, because, as he put it, "... I don't want to give it to anyone unless they really have earned it." Faculty cannot earn this award, however Col. Maher is working on that.

"I think it is the most generating thing for the corps spirit," Col. Maher said, "and I think the spirit stick and the citation have greatly improved it." When asked whether he thought it would die out in coming years at AMA, he said that, "it could, but I really doubt it, I've been very pleased with the corps."

There isn't a shortage of people to chose from. One cadet fell down while running around 'the bowl,' another fell into a commode, and someone is always getting stuck in their transcient.

At the end of the year the 'Silver Citation' will be presented to the cadet who has the award the greatest number of times.

Taps Sound on

Black Friday

Friday the thirteenth has claimed the lives of two more unfortunate souls.

The two latest victims of the catastrophic sequence of events traditionally occuring on "Black Friday" were; the mascot of the corps, a beagle dog "Howard," and an unidentified black and brown haired pup. The two were unexpectedly struck down by a moving vehicle. Two more unfortunate victims of the times in which we live.

Howard's body was taken to its owner, while the pup was quietly buried on school grounds.

Melody Lane
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The first cadet to win the award was Edward Cabo, who was in his military class playing with some straps that are under the tables, and got his hands tied up. Well there he was with his hand tied caught under the table trying to do his map reading. In fact, he almost received it a second time, when he was down at the "Fort" explaining how he "won" the award when his cap flew into a puddle of water. When he tried to pull it out the water flew all over his uniform. Col. Maher said that of all the stories, "Cabo's my number one so far."

"This award is not to humiliate anyone, but to build up the



"Captains all in a row."

Spirit Stick

By Herb Maher

On October the fourth, I walked into Colonel Savedge's room and said, "Doc, I need something to boost the moral of the corps. Do you have any ideas?" He then told me that as he was looking over the many different types of yearbooks, and happened to notice that a few of the schools had what was called a "spirit stick." It's usually given to the most spirited high school class. Wow! This was just what I was looking for.

Instead of giving it to the most spirited class, I thought that instead it would be better to make it into another standard of company competition. It is awarded to the company which has shown the most spirit and originality that week.

At the end of the year the company which wins the Spirit Stick more than the others is allowed to keep it.

The Spirit Stick has had a tremendous effect on the corps, producing a great deal of enthusiasm. The staff and myself feel pleased with the spirit of the corps of 1972-'73.

Librarian adds to Faculty Staff

By Gregory Duran

This year Augusta has had a few faculty changes, including the librarian, who is now Captain Harry G. Davis (U.S. ARMY retired). Captain Davis served in the Army for twenty-two and one-half years, and retired in 1967 with the rank of Sergeant-Major.

During World War II he was with the Armoured Artillery Battalion and was stationed in England, France, Germany and Belgium. After World War II he attended several ordinance schools, and the Alaskan National Military Command Center. He played a role in the Honest John and in the Nike-Ajax Projects and later served with the Air Defense Artillery at Lolchester Beach, Maryland. Captain Davis then became an Operations Sergeant at Fort Meade, Maryland; and at Fort Hancock, New Jersey. He was also stationed in Boston, Massachusetts; New York, New York; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with the ARMY AIR DEFENSE.

Since his retirement our new librarian has worked for the Museum of Science in Boston, Massachusetts, and with the Junior ROTC Program for two and a half years at Saint Ema Military Academy in Powhatan, Virginia.

When asked for his opinion of AMA and the cadet corps, Captain Davis said, "I like the cadets very much and sincerely hope that they and the library have a successful year together." He also stated that he liked the way Augusta didn't interfere with the cadet's social life as much as some other military schools. When asked about the library in general, Captain Davis said that the library was in need of a new set of World Book Encyclopedias although otherwise he was totally satisfied. Captain Davis has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and in a Library of Science Sequence.

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